

No. R-194. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Michael Stone on his selection as the National Football Foundation Vermont Chapter's 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award winner.

(S.C.R.17)

By Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka,

By Representatives Christie of Hartford, Lucke of Hartford, and Zagar of Barnard,

Whereas, Mike Stone has long associations with Norwich University and varsity football competition in Vermont, and

Whereas, he is a 1981 graduate of Norwich University and remained at the school to earn a master's degree in education in 1982, and

Whereas, from Norwich University, he headed south to Hartford High School to begin a stellar 30-year-plus tenure as a teacher, coach, and athletic administrator, and

Whereas, for 28 seasons, Mike Stone coached the Hartford Hurricanes varsity football team, compiling a record that few coaches in the history of Vermont high school football can match, and

Whereas, on 13 occasions, Coach Stone's Hurricanes appeared in a State championship game, coming home from 10 of those games as State champion, and, during his coaching career, Hartford compiled a 23–8 playoff record, and

Whereas, Coach Stone served as a superb role model for Hartford High School students, investing countless hours instilling in them a system of values and humility that encouraged and has enabled these young persons to contribute constructively to their community and State, and

Whereas, in 2014, Coach Stone returned to Norwich University as the defensive back football coach, opening a new chapter in his professional career, and

Whereas, in his first season on the Norwich coaching staff, the Cadets completed 176 tackles and 14 interceptions and earned a winning 7–4 record that paved the way to an appearance in the ECAC Northeast Bowl, and

Whereas, the National Football Foundation's Vermont Chapter recognized the extraordinary role that Coach Stone has played in amateur athletics in the State, and, on April 27, at a ceremony in Castleton, presented him its 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award, and

Whereas, Mike Stone and his wife, Gigi, are the parents of Matt, Sean, and Tucker, and the Stone family is active in the Hartford community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Michael Stone on his selection as the National Football Foundation Vermont Chapter's 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award winner, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Stone.